

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A telephony device comprising
a transmission unit operable to transmit multimedia information to a transmission destination telephony device before the transmission destination telephony device is in an off-hook state.

2. A telephony device comprising
an image display unit operable to display, before an off-hook state, information based on multimedia information transmitted by a transmission source telephony device.

3. A telephony device comprising
a transmission unit operable to transmit, before a transmission source telephony device is in an off-hook state, image expressing transmission source information.

4. The telephony device of claim 3
wherein said transmission unit transmits, before a transmission destination telephony device is in an off-hook state, image expressing transmission destination information to the transmission destination telephony device.

5. A telephony device for transmitting an image based on received information to a transmission destination telephony device via a base station device to communicate with the transmission destination telephony device, said telephony device comprising
a transmission unit operable to transmit, before the transmission destination telephony device is in an off-hook state, transmission source information to the base station device,
wherein the base station device acquires said image based on the received information.

6. The telephony device of claim 5
wherein said transmission unit is operable to transmit, before the transmission destination telephony device is in the off-hook state, transmission destination information to the base station device, and

wherein the base station device acquires, according to the transmission destination information, the image based on the received information.

7. A telephony device comprising
an image display unit operable to display, before an off-hook state, image expressing transmission source information transmitted by a transmission source telephony device.

8. The telephony device of claim 7,
wherein said image display unit displays, before the off-hook state, image expressing transmission destination information transmitted by the transmission source telephony device.

9. A telephony device comprising
an image display unit operable to display, before an off-hook state, an image acquired by a base station device relaying communications between a transmission source telephony device and said telephony device,
wherein the base station acquires the image based on transmission source information.

10. The telephony device of claim 9,
wherein said image display unit is operable to display, before the off-hook state, an image that has been acquired based on transmission destination information transmitted by the transmission source telephony device.

11. A telephony device comprising:
a first image generating unit operable to generate an image based on transmission source information transmitted by a transmission source telephony device; and
an image display unit operable to display the image before said image display unit is in an off-hook state.

12. The telephony device of claim 11, further comprising
a second image generating unit operable to generate an image based on transmission
destination information transmitted by the transmission source telephony device,
wherein said image display unit is operable to display, before the off-hook state, the image
generated by said second image generating unit.

13. The telephony device of claim 3,
wherein the image expressing the transmission source information comprises a face image.

14. The telephony device of claim 5,
wherein the image based on the received information comprises a face image.

15. The telephony device of claim 7,
wherein the image expressing the transmission source information comprises a face image.

16. The telephony device of claim 9,
wherein the image based on the transmission source information comprises a face image.

17. A telephony device comprising
a transmission unit operable to transmit, before a transmission destination telephony device
is in an off-hook state, sound signals expressing transmission source information.

18. The telephony device of claim 17,
wherein said transmission unit is operable to transmit, before the off-hook state, sound signals
expressing transmission destination information.

19. The telephony device of claim 7, further comprising
a connection control unit operable to transmit, after the off-hook state, a predetermined image
to the transmission source telephony device to cutoff communications between the transmission
source telephony device and said telephony device.

20. The telephony device of claim 11, further comprising
a connection control unit operable to transmit, after the off-hook state, a predetermined image
to the transmission source telephony device to cutoff communications between the transmission
source telephony device and said telephony device.

21. The telephony device of claim 7, further comprising
a connection control unit operable to transmit, after the off-hook state, predetermined sound
signals to the transmission source telephony device to cutoff communications between the
transmission source telephony device and said telephony device.

22. The telephony device of claim 11, further comprising
a connection control unit operable to transmit, after the off-hook state, predetermined sound
signals to the transmission source telephony device to cutoff communications between the
transmission source telephony device and said telephony device.

23. A telephony device for transmitting sound signals based on received information to a
transmission destination telephony device via a base station device to communicate with the
transmission destination telephony device, said telephony device comprising
a transmission unit operable to transmit, before the transmission destination telephony device
is in an off-hook state, transmission source information to the base station device,
wherein the base station device acquires the sound signals based on the transmission source
information.

24. A base station device comprising:
a first acquiring unit operable to acquire an image based on transmission source information
transmitted by a transmission source telephony device; and
a transmission unit operable to transmit, before a transmission destination telephony device
is in an off-hook state, the image acquired by said first acquiring unit to the transmission destination
telephony device.

25. The base station device of claim 24,

wherein the image acquired by said first acquiring unit comprises a face image.

26. The base station device of claim 24, further comprising

a second acquiring unit operable to acquire an image based on transmission destination information transmitted by the transmission source telephony device,

wherein said transmission unit is operable to transmit, before the off-hook state, the image acquired by the second acquiring unit to the transmission destination telephony device.

27. A base station device comprising:

an acquiring unit operable to acquire sound signals based on transmission source information transmitted by a transmission source telephony device; and

a transmission unit operable to transmit, before an off-hook state, the sound signals to a transmission destination telephony device.

28. The base station device of claim 24, further comprising

a connection control unit,

wherein said transmission unit is operable to transmit, after the off-hook state, a predetermined image to the transmission source telephony device according to a cutoff request signal transmitted by the transmission destination telephony device, and

wherein said connection control unit is operable to cut communications off between the transmission source telephony device and the transmission destination telephony device.

29. The base station device of claim 27, further comprising

a connection control unit,

wherein said transmission unit is operable to transmit, after the off-hook state, a predetermined image to the transmission source telephony device according to a cutoff request signal transmitted, after the off-hook state, by the transmission destination telephony device, and

wherein said connection control unit is operable to cut communications off between the transmission source telephony device and the transmission destination telephony device.

30. The base station device of claim 24, further comprising
a connection control unit,

wherein said transmission unit is operable to transmit, after the off-hook state, predetermined sound signals to the transmission source telephony device according to a cutoff request signal transmitted by the transmission destination telephony device, and

wherein said connection control unit is operable to cut communications off between the transmission source telephony device and the transmission destination telephony device.

31. The base station device of claim 27, further comprising
a connection control unit,

wherein said transmission unit is operable to transmit, after the off-hook state, predetermined sound signals to the transmission source telephony device according to a cutoff request signal transmitted, after the off-hook state, by the transmission destination telephony device, and

wherein said connection control unit is operable to cut communications off between the transmission source telephony device and the transmission destination telephony device.

32. A communication method comprising
transmitting multimedia information to a transmission destination telephony device before the transmission destination telephony device is in an off-hook state.